tain was struck by lightning and shivered to atoms. A house near by was entirely demolished by the flying fragments of rock. Several houses were also struck by lightning, killing one person and fatally injuring four others.

by lightning near this place on the 14th.

Norwich, Connecticut.—At 5.30 p. m., of the 22d, a barn was strnck by lightning and consumed by fire in a few minutes.

## TEMPERATURE OF WATER.

The temperature of water as observed in rivers and harbors at the Signal Service stations, during June, 1883, with the average depth at which the observations were made, are given in the table below. Owing to the breakage of the instruments, observations were not made at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from 3d to 21st, inclusive, and at Wilmington, North Carolina, from 9th to 21st:

Temperature of Water for June, 1883.

STATION.		erature ottom.	Range.	Average depth,	Mean tempera- ture of the air at station.
	Max.	Min.		feet and inches.	Mean t ture of at st
	0	0	0	ft. in.	-
Atlantic City, New Jersey	71.6	58.6	13.0	5 0	67.2
Alpena, Michigan	67	53.8	13.2	7 6	58.7
Augusta, Georgia	87.5	78.3	9.2		79.0
Baltimore, Maryland	78	66	12.0	9 6	74.6
Block Island, Rhode Island	63.5	53.1	10.4		64.4
Boston, Massachusetts	64.7	57.0	7.7	20 5 10 8	69.0
Buffalo, New York	70.2	55	15.2	10 8	63.8
Burlington, Vermont *	ΰο. σ	55	5,6	20 9	
Cedar Keys, Florida	88.8	82.6	6,2	12 4	82.1
Charleston, South Carolina	85.1	74.8	10.3	41 4	80.3
Chicago, Illinois	66.2	52.3	13.9	7 6	64.1
Chincoteague, Virginia	8o	70	10.0	5 6	70.6
Cleveland, Ohio	72.0	57 - 3	14.7	14 0	67.3
Detroit, Michigan	68	56	12.0	23 11	67.9
Delaware Breakwater, Delaware	70.8	őr.o	9.8	9 7	69.0
Duluth, Minnesota	02.1	43.5	18.6	14 7	59.4
Eastport, Maine	46.I	40.7	5.4	15 5	57.5
Escanaba, Michigan	04.3	47.0	17.3	15 0	59.4
Galveston, Texas	88	79	9.0	12 8	82.9
Grand Haven, Michigan	75.3	63.2	12.1	19 0	62.1
Indianola, Texas	87.5	80.4	7.1	8 3	82.1
Jacksonville, Florida	87.5	78.0	9.5	18 0	80.9
Key West, Florida	80.0	82.3	6.7	16 11	83.8
Mackinaw City, Michigan	61.7	42.4	19.3	13 0	58.9
Marquete, Michigan	51.,	44	7.0		57.3
Milwaukee, Wisconsin†	64.4	45.6	18.8	9 10	62.1
Mobile, Alabama	86	70	10.0	10 11	81.3
New Haven, Connecticut	74.7	62.5	12.2	15 2	68.3
New Mayen, Connecticut	71.5	61.5	10.0	17 1	69.5
New York City	80.6	70.0	10.6	16 9	
Norfolk, Virginia	83.5	75.4	8.1		76.9 80.1
Pensacola, Florida	58.5	40.0		17 9	66.4
Portland, Maine	71.5	59	12.5		
Provincetown, Massachusetts	91.0	91.6	13.5	1	66.7
Punta Rassa, Florida*	69.6	55.2	9.4	•	
Sandy Hook, New Jersey	64.5		13.4	1 7	70.3
San Francisco, California	84.8	56.5	8.0	29 9	59.9
Savannah, Georgia	84.0	75.6	9.2	12 0	81.2
Smithville, North Carolina		74	10.0	10 0	77.2
Toledo, Ohio	76.7	00.6	16.1	11 6	1.9.7
Wilmington, North Carolina †	81.8	72.4	9.4	18 6	73.6

<sup>\*</sup>A station discontinued on the 15th. † Observations incomplete. See text.

# OPTICAL PHENOMENA.

# SOLAR HALOS.

Solar halos have been observed in the various districts on the following dates:

New England.—8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 27th, 29th.

Middle Atlantic states.—2d, 4th, 6th, 21st, 24th, 28th.

South Atlantic states.—3d, 4th, 7th, 10th, 21st, 22d, 24th.

Tennessee.—4th, 7th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 22d, 28th.

Ohio valley.—5th, 15th.

Lower lakes.—3d, 5th, 7th, 8th, 12th, 15th, 21st, 24th. Upper lakes.—2d, 5th, 8th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st.

Extreme northwest.—2d, 3d, 4th, 7th.

Upper Mississippi valley.—1st, 2d, 4th, 6th, 8th, 12th to 16th, 20th, 23d, 24th, 25th, 28th.

Missouri valley .-- 3d, 4th, 6th, 7th, 11th, 14th, 16th, 23d,

Solar halos were also observed at the following stations not included in the districts named above: Lead Hill, Arkansas, 2d, 4th, 6th to 9th, 17th, 19th, 23d, 27th; Princeton, California, 5th; Sacramento, California, 8th, 17th; San Francisco, California, 8th, 17th; Visalia, California, 1st, 5th, 9th; Prescott, sun spots were observed on all clear days during the month.

Arizona, 7th, 9th; Pike's Peak, Colorado, 9th; Punta Rassa, Florida, 7th; Pensacola, Florida, 4th, 6th, 9th, 13th, 26th; Lewiston, Idaho, 1st, 5th, 8th; Albany, Oregon, 2d, 22d; Roseburg, Oregon, 2d, 8th, 18th, 22d; Carson City, Nevada, Ravanna, Mercer county, Missouri.—Three men were killed 17th; Indianola, Texas, 3d; Palestine, Texas, 1st, 2d; Bainbridge Island, Washington Territory, 1st, 2d.

# LUNAR HALOS.

Lunar halos have been observed in the various districts on the following dates:

New England .- 10th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 18th.

Middle Atlantic states.—9th, 10th, 12th, 14th to 18th, 24th. South Atlantic states.—9th, 10th, 17th, 21st.

Eastern Gulf.—13th, 16th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th. Western Gulf.—11th to 22d.

Tennessee.—12th, 16th, 20th, 22d, 22d, 24th.
Ohio valley.—11th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 22d, 23d.
Upper lakes.—11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th, 20th.
Upper Mississippi valley.—14th to 17th.

Lunar halos were also reported from the following stations not included in the districts named above: Visalia, California, 17th; Fort Buford, Dakota, 13th; Sanford, Florida, 11th, 17th; Saint Vincent, Minnesota, 21st; Kiantone, New York, 16th; Albany, Oregon, 14th; Fort Concho, Texas, 12th, 13th.

San Francisco, California, 5th.—A beautiful mirage was observed on the bay at 6 p. m., the vessels and the land on the opposite shore assuming peculiar shapes. Small schooners in the northern part of the bay appeared very large, and the shipping and ferry-boats in the harbor appeared with inverted images, one above the other.

New York City, 13th .- On this date a very unusual phenomenon was observed in this city and vicinity. The hulls of vessels assumed prodigious proportions, at times appearing to rise above the hills beyond them. There were many startling changes in the appearance of the familiar Coney Island landscape. At one time the entire village appeared doubled, the buildings being reflected upside down.

Mirage was also observed at the following stations:

Traverse City, Michigan, 29th, 30th. Indianola, Texas, 3d, 24th, 26th.

# MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA.

# SUN SPOTS.

The following record of sun spots for the month of June, 1883, has been forwarded by Mr. D. P. Todd, Director of the Lawrence Observatory, Amherst, Massachusetts:

	Date June, 1883.	No, o	f new	by s	peared olar tion,	by e	peared solar tion,		l No. ible.	Remarks.
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	20, 12 m		15‡	0	0	0	0	4	40	
	21, 12 10		10‡	0	0	0	0	4	50‡	
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	25, 4 p. m	2	10‡	0	0	2	101	6	50‡	
	26, 12 ln		0	0	5	0	0	5	40‡	
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They were most numerous on the 6th and 27th; least numerous on the 18th; largest on the 5th, and 29th; smallest on the

#### SUNSETS.

The characteristics of the sky, as indicative of fair or foul weather for the succeeding twenty-four hours, have been observed at all Signal-Service stations. Reports from one hundred and seventy-one stations show 4,786 observations to have been made, of which three were reported doubtful; of the remainder, 4,783, there were 4,002, or 83.7 per cent., followed by the expected weather.

# METEORS.

Nashville, Tennessee.—At 10 p. m. of the 1st a bright meteor was observed to pass from the zenith toward the southwestern horizon, leaving a path of reddish-yellow color, which remained visible for twenty seconds.

Sussex, Wausheka county, Wisconsin.—At 9.15 p. m. of the 1st, a brilliant meteor—apparently larger than Venus—was observed in the southern sky; it moved slowly downward for a

distance of 15° and disappeared.

Keokuk, Iowa, 5th.—Āt 6 p. m. of this date a brilliant meteor was seen in the southwestern sky, moving southeastward at an angle of about 45°. Although the sun was shining brightly, the meteor and its luminous path were plainly visible. No cloud was observed at its disappearance.

Washington, District of Columbia:—At 8:40 p. m. of the 27th, a meteor, remarkable for its brilliancy, passed from a point near the zenith toward the northern horizon. The color of the light produced strongly resembled that of the electric light and was suficiently brilliant to cast clearly defined shadows.

Woodstock, Baltimore county, Maryland.—A meteor of unusual brilliancy was observed at this place at 8:30 p. m. of the 27th. It was visible for about eight seconds and moved directly northward from near the zenith toward the northern horizon.

Fallston, Harford county, Maryland.—At about 9:00 p. m. of the 27th, a meteor was observed to pass from a point near the zenith toward the northern horizon. It produced a brilliant light, making the smallest objects plainly visible. meteor was observed by many persons in this locality, and was also seen in Baltimore, and at Sandy Springs, Montgomery county.

Variety Mills, Nelson county, Virginia.—A brilliant meteor was observed at this place on the 27th, at 8:45 p.m. peared in the northeastern sky and was apparently twice the size of venus, and left behind it a trail of white light.

Mobile, Alabama.—At 8:45 p. m. of the 29th, a meteor appeared in the eastern sky at an elevation of about 15°, and passing northward, disappeared at an altitude of about 5°. Before disappearing the meteor separated into three distinct parts, which were much more brilliant than the meteor at its first appearing.

Meteors of less brilliancy were reported to have been observed

during the month, as follows:

2d.—Logansport, Indiana, during the early morning.

3d.—Stateburg, South Carolina; Lead Hill, Arkansas; Yuma,

4th.—Toledo, Ohio; Polo, Illinois; Visalia, California.

5th.—Rowe, Massachusetts.

6th.—Beloit, Wisconsin. 7th.—Visalia, California.

9th and 10th.—Clear Creek, Nebraska.

11th.—Bordentown, New Jersey.

12th.—Visalia, California; Rowe, Massachusetts. 13th.—Davenport, Iowa. 14th.—Williamstown, Massachusetts; Lead Hill, Arkansas.

19th.—Memphis, Tennessee.

20th.—Genoa, Nebraska; Memphis, Tennessee.

21st.—Saint Vincent, Minnesota.

22d and 23d.—Griffin station, Indiana.

24th.—Fort Scott, Kansas.

26th.—Yates Centre, Kansas.

27th.—Salina, Kansas.

28th.—Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

29th.—Fort Scott, Kansas; Salina, Kansas; Green Springs Alabama.

30th.—Boston, Massachusetts; Salina, Kansas.

### EARTHQUAKES.

The following notes upon earthquakes have been furnished by Professor C. G. Rockwood of Princeton, New Jersey:

Panama. United States of Colombia, July 5th.—At daylight on June 3, 1883, a strong and somewhat prolonged earthquake was experienced at Callao, Peru; it did no damage, although it caused much alarm among the townspeople. At 1.30 a.m. of the same date a much slighter movement was felt in Lima.

Panama, June 23d.—The volcano of Ometpe, in Lake Nicaragua, is at present in eruption, much to the alarm of the residents on the island which is formed by it. On May 1st, at 10 a.m., a frightful and terrifying subterranean rumbling was heard, which lasted between two and three minutes, but no outbreak was visible. On the following day a number of people climbed to the summit of the volcano to find that the crater had increased in size and was about thirty-five yards in length and three yards in width, but its depth could not be calculated. Around it were strewn large quantities of stones and rock covered with slate-colored mud, and ashes were scattered in all directions.

Two days afterwards, on May 4th, a series of terrifying eruptions, accompanied by a prolonged rumbling, occurred. About 2.30 p. m., the earth and rock in the vicinity of the crater were seen to break, lava flowed forth, and from it there burst up a thick column of lead colored smoke, which sent the terrified villagers flying to the churches in the belief that the whole island was about to be destroyed. No damage, however, was done.

The valley of the Altrato, situated in the state of Cauca, in this republic, continues a centre of that volcanic activity first evinced there in September of last year.

At Rio Sucio, about forty miles from the Atlantic, the earth cracked and opened in many places, throwing out very fine sand in a heated state, while a subterranean noise was heard.

At Turbo, on the gulf of Uraba, the earth opened and water flowed out, flooding the streets to a depth of two feet. Many houses were shaken down. The small villages of Bujies and Nicurio have been completely engulfed. The mouth of the river Leon, which emptied into the Atlantic, has completely closed up, and all over the district, the movement of the earth is so continuous that the inhabitants are immigrating.

On the 21st, at 7 a.m. a slight earthquake was felt at Mompos, on the river Magdalena, in the state of Bolivar, which was followed by a sharper one at 2.00 a.m. of the 22d, on which day shocks were also felt at San Salvador and Guayaquil.

# WATER-SPOUTS.

The "Marine Record" (published in Cleveland, Ohio,) of of June 23, 1883, reports that three water-spouts were recently observed southeast of Turtle light. Within thirty minutes, the water was observed to take a whirling motion at three different points and was quickly sucked up, appearing like a light smoke from the stack of a steamer. The water-spout assumed the shape of an inverted cornucopia and were apparently onefourth mile in height. They were carried along with great force, rotating rapidly, until striking the clouds, when they disappeared. The tug "Farragut" reported that these waterspouts possessed marked peculiarities and differed widely from any ever before observed.

Sanford, Florida: at 4 p. m. of the 13th, a water-spout of about one hundred feet in height was observed on Lake Monroe. It moved in a westerly direction for several hundred

yards, when it suddenly disappeared.

The schooner "Jennie N. Huddell" saw a large water-spout

in latitude N. 35° 35', longitude W. 75° 15', at 5.10 a.m. of the 25th.

## SAND-STORMS.

Fort Thomas, Arizona, 8th, 9th, 15th, 28th. Yuma, Arizona, 10th. Turlock, California, 30th. Lewiston, Idaho, 4th.

# POLAR BANDS.

Lead Hill, Arkansas, 11th, 20th, 25th, 27th, 30th. Riley, Illinois, 19th. Wabash, Indiana, 19th. Salina, Kansas, 5th, 15th. Saint Louis, Missouri, 8th. Clear Creek, Nebraska. Vineland, New Jersey, 2d. Charleston, South Carolina, 10th. Nashville, Tennessee, 15th, 23d. Woodstock, Vermont, 29th. Cape Henry, Virginia, 1st. Wytheville, Virginia, 4th, 17th, 21st.

### ZODIACAL LIGHT.

Prescott, Arizona, 1st to 7th, 26th, 27th, 28th. Pensacola, Florida, 30th.

Wabash, Indiana, 5th. Elk Falls, Kansas, 1st 10th. Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2d. Vicksburg, Mississippi, 17th. Dyberry, Pennsylvania, 23d. Nashville, Tennessee, 1st, 2d, 3d, 26th, 27th, 28th.

# PRAIRIE AND FOREST FIRES.

Prescott, Arizona, 4th to 9th, 21st to 24th. Yankton, Dakota, 7th, 30th. Salt Lake City, Utah, 26th.

# DROUGHT.

Bismarck, Dakota, 30th.—Crops are suffering from drought. Barnwell, Barnwell county, South Carolina. 7th.—During the last six weeks but little rain fell in this locality, but the rain of this date greatly improved the crop prospects.

Livermore, Alameda county, California.—During the past week the weather has been excessively warm, which has proved very damaging to the grain crop. Much grain has been cut to be used as hay.

## NOTES AND EXTRACTS.

The following meteorological summary and table are taken from the June report of the "Tennessee Weather Service":

Abstract of meteorological observations for the month of June, 1883, as reported to the Bureau of Agriculture, &c., of Tennessee, by voluntary observers in co-operation with General W. B. Hazen, Chief Signal Officer, U. S. A.

				Temperature.									Wind.						Nu	mber	r of d	ays-	_				snow,		
County.	County.	Station.	Latitude north.	Longitude west of Washington	Mean of 7 a. m.	Mean of 2 p. m.	Mean of 9 p. m.	Average monthly.	Highest.	Date.	Lowest.	Date.	Prevailing direction,	Greatest force, Scale o 10.	Date.	Clear,	Fair.	Cloudy.	Аигогия.	Dew.	Fog.	Frost.	Lunar halos,	Solar halos,	Hail-storms.	Thunder-storms.	On which rain fell, including hail, snow, and sleet,	Total rainfall, including hall, s and sleet (in inches).	Observers.
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Mean temperature, 73°. Highest temperature, 97°, on the 18th at Brownsville. Lowest temperature, 47°, on the 1st at Chuckaluck. Range of temperature, 50°.

Mean daily range of temperature, 16°.66. Greatest daily range of temperature, 34°, on the 1st at Fostoria.

Least daily range of temperature, 1°, on the 7th at Hardison's Mills, and on the 10th at Kingston Springs.

Mean depth of rain or melted snow, 4.77 inches.

Greatest depth of rain or melted snow, 8.32 inches at Alexandria. Least depth of rain or melted snow, 1.29 inches at McMinnville. Average number of clear days, 7%.